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HOUSE BILL 1016

Short Title: Gambling Education. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives John, Harris, Quick, and Ball (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 6, 2024

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION TO BE PROVIDED IN
3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-81.22. Gambling addiction education.**

8 Instruction shall be provided in middle school and high school health education courses on
9 the addictive potential of gambling and the costs and consequences of a gambling addiction."

10 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-218.85(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
11 read:

12 "(8) The school shall provide instruction on the addictive potential of gambling
13 and the costs and consequences of a gambling addiction."

14 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-238.66(1) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision
15 to read:

16 "h. The board of directors shall ensure that instruction is provided on the
17 addictive potential of gambling and the costs and consequences of a
18 gambling addiction."

19 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 115C-150.12C is amended by adding a new subdivision to
20 read:

21 "(3b) Gambling addiction education. – The board of trustees shall ensure that
22 instruction is provided on the addictive potential of gambling and the costs
23 and consequences of a gambling addiction."

24 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 116-239.8(b)(2) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision
25 to read:

26 "f. The chancellor shall ensure that instruction is provided on the
27 addictive potential of gambling and the costs and consequences of a
28 gambling addiction."

29 **SECTION 1.(f)** Section 6(d) of S.L. 2018-32, as amended by S.L. 2023-132, is
30 amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

31 "(3b) G.S. 115C-81.22, Gambling Addiction Education."

32 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
33 Public Instruction the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds to develop
34 standards for gambling education pursuant to this act.



1 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2024, and applies beginning with
2 the 2024-2025 school year.